

The belief that any kind of "all-knowing" technology is going to make life worse for criminals and better for honest citizens is simplistic, convenient, presumptuous, and IGNORANT. The decision to empower law enforcement with the ability to easily tap all broadband communication is based on this belief. Whats on the table right now is a not at all thought through idea proposed by those who have an insufficient understanding of the logistics and effectiveness of such an operation. It is a scenario in which few gains would be offset by significantly greater costs. Even if this idea were executed perfectly, dangerous criminals will simply encrypt or otherwise encode their language so that it cannot be understood, and THERE IS NO SOLUTION TO THAT PROBLEM.

Law enforcement should be able to monitor the internet usage of individuals AFTER A JUDGE HAS AUTHORIZED IT. This approach requires law enforcement to be ACCOUNTABLE for their surveillance actions, and I think ACCOUNTABILITY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT IS FUNDAMENTAL TO OUR FREEDOM AND MIGHT BE DUE FOR A SYSTEMATIC OVERHAUL given the recent news headlines as well as the consistent pattern of police brutality cases in the states. With an all-knowing easily accessible unaccountable surveillance system in place, IT WILL BE A SYSTEM RIPE FOR ABUSE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AS WELL AS ANYONE WITH ACCESS TO THE SYSTEM, \*ESPECIALLY\* CRIMINALS. With a pin-point accurate judicially authorized surveillance system in place, criminals will be less likely to change their methods of communication, law enforcement less likely to abuse their power, and the government more trusting of its citizens and respectful of their fundamental RIGHT TO PRIVACY.